

*Indian Claims
Comm. Bill*

March 6, 1945

Mrs. M. D. Myrick
1650 North Greenwood Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Myrick:

Your letter of February 27 addressed to Congressman W. G. Stigler has been referred by Congressman Stigler to me for the reason that you are a resident of Tulsa, which is in my district and Mr. Stigler considered you one of my constituents rather than one of his.

Mr. Stigler also sent me the proposed draft and amendment of the bills you sent him. I have given this considerable study and must confess the matters referred to our interesting but subjects of which I had no knowledge until I read the information set forth in the numerous papers you sent Mr. Stigler.

The best I am able to make of the position indicates to my mind that you are seeking to have a law enacted by Congress giving the U. S. Court of Claims jurisdiction to hear and determine certain claims of the Ohio Royal Shawnee Indians and those of Black Bob Band known as the Royal Ohio Kansas Shawnee Indians of Ohio.

Along with Mr. Stigler, I am a member of the House Committee on Indian Affairs and for your information I am pleased to inform you that our committee is now conducting hearings on proposed measures relating to Indian claims in general. The bills which have been introduced seek to establish an Indian Claims Commission before whom such claims may be presented rather than to continue the past practice of giving the Court of Claims jurisdiction of such claims. Therefore, I am of the opinion it would perhaps be out of order to introduce the bills that you asked to have introduced giving the Court of Claims jurisdiction of these cases. I do not know at this time just what action our committee will take on the bills seeking to establish an Indian Claims Commission, but I do think it will be much better for all concerned if some such Commission is set up and, authorized by Congress, is set up as the tribunal before whom claimants may present their claims rather than to follow the past procedure of having Congress

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pass acts authorizing a Court of Claims to assume jurisdiction of each claim as it appears.

As stated before, I know nothing about your claims, either the merits or demerits of the same, but I am morally sure that at this time there is no chance for me to get an act passed authorizing the Court of Claims to assume jurisdiction of the claims you want to have presented before the Court of Claims. Especially is this true while the bill seeking to establish an Indian Court of Claims is pending. In the meantime, I shall keep your papers here unless you want me to return them. If you want me to return them, I shall be glad to do so upon receipt of your request.

Trusting that this information and disposition of this matter meets with your approval, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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W. G. STIGLER
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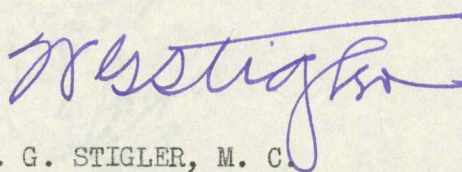
Honorable George Swabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mrs. M. D. Myrick,
1650 North Greenwood Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma, together with
copy of proposed bill she desires to be introduced.

Since Mrs. Myrick is one of your constituents I am referring
this matter to you for such action as you care to take.

Sincerely yours,



W. G. STIGLER, M. C.